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**Subject:** RE: Need to update vaccine definition on website

Hi Valerie,

I know you are busy so I really appreciate your help. The definition of vaccine we have posted is problematic and people are using it to claim the COVID-19 vaccine is not a vaccine based on our own definition. Does the updated version look okay to you? Thank you!

Currently posted:

**Vaccine:** A product that stimulates a person's immune system to produce immunity to a specific disease, protecting the person from that disease. Vaccines are usually administered through needle injections, but can also be administered by mouth or sprayed into the nose.

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Currently posted:

**Vaccination:** The act of introducing a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease.

Please update to:

**Vaccination:** The act of introducing a vaccine into the body to produce protection from a specific disease.

And please have the date last reviewed updated. Thanks Mike!

If this can get done today, that'd be great but if not next week will work. Thanks again and enjoy the weekend!

Alycia